

JOHN WARD.

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JULY 25, 1888.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. BLISS, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 2417.]

*The Committee on Pensions; to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2417) granting a pension to John Ward, have considered the same and report as follows:*

The claimant was a private in Batteries E and F, First Regiment United States Artillery, from June 17, 1837, to June 17, 1840. He served in the Florida Indian war. In 1886 he applied to the Pension Bureau for pension on account of chills and fever, contracted in that war in 1838. His claim has not received action, because claimant can not find evidence to establish it. He is, however, seventy-seven years of age, and in needy circumstances. His neighbors state that he is a subject for charity and will soon be dependent upon the county for support.

Your committee believe he should be given a service pension, and therefore report back the bill recommending its passage; amended, however, by striking out the words "subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws," in lines 4 and 5, and inserting at the end of the bill the words "and pay him a pension at the rate of thirty dollars per month from and after the passage of this act."

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